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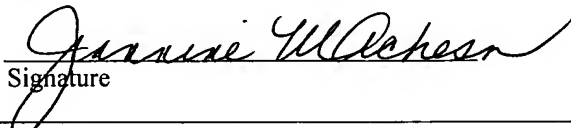
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For: SINGLE MOLECULE DETECTION WITH SURFACE-  
ENHANCED RAMAN SCATTERING AND  
APPLICATIONS IN DNA OR RNA SEQUENCING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this amendment.